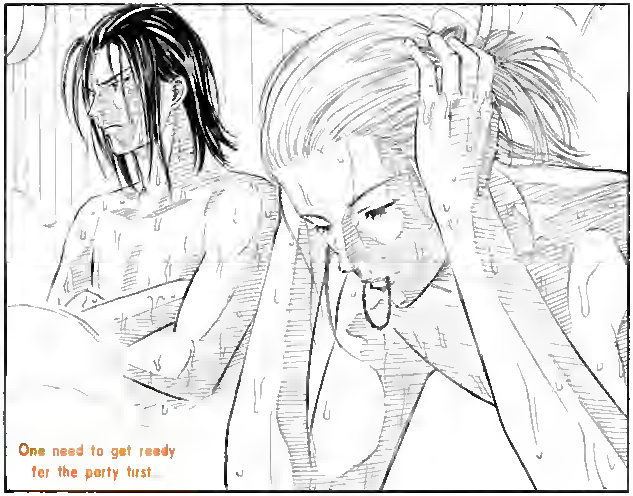

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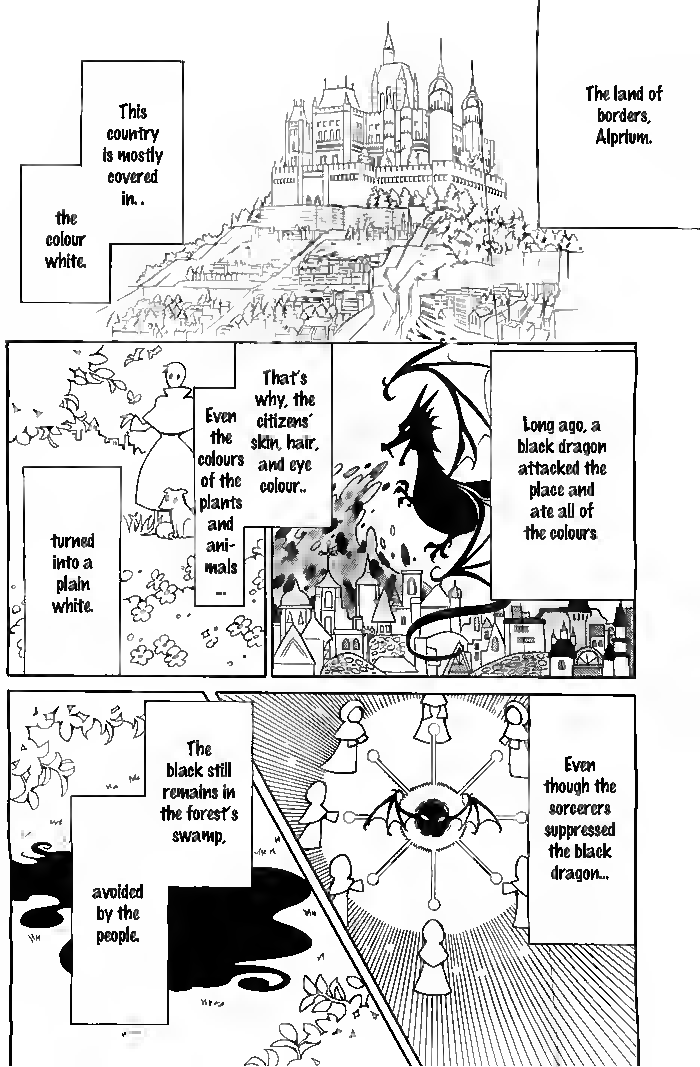
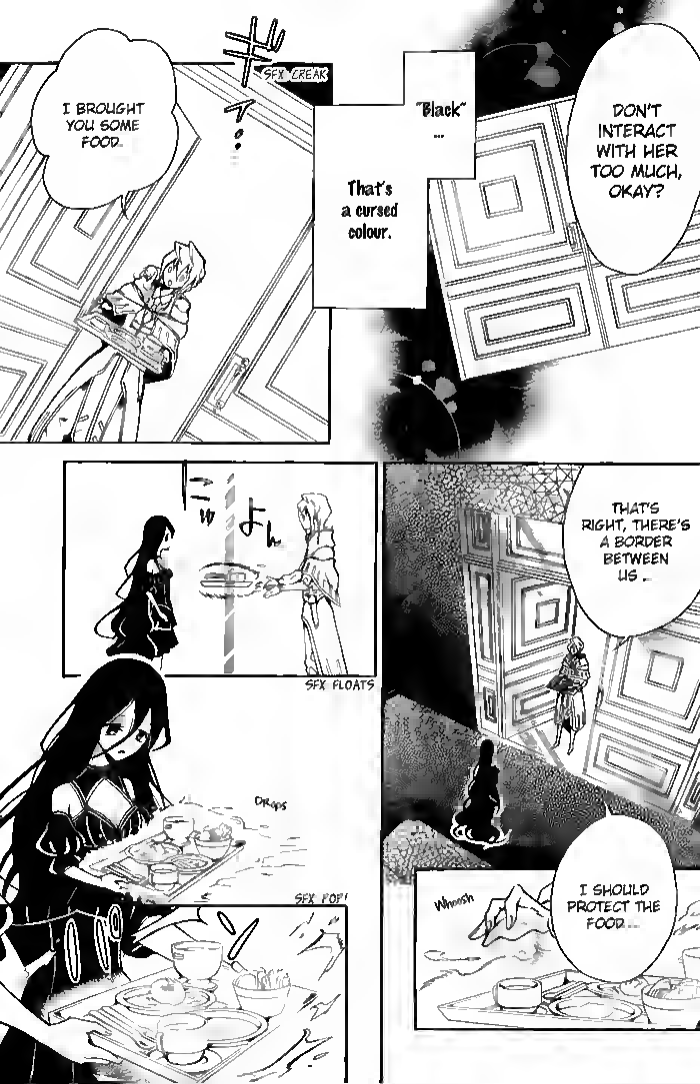
SOL,
WE ARE GIVING YOU, AN EXCEPTIONAL PALACE SORCERER, A TOP SECRET MISSION
GO AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF THAT GIRL.
SFX: FREAK

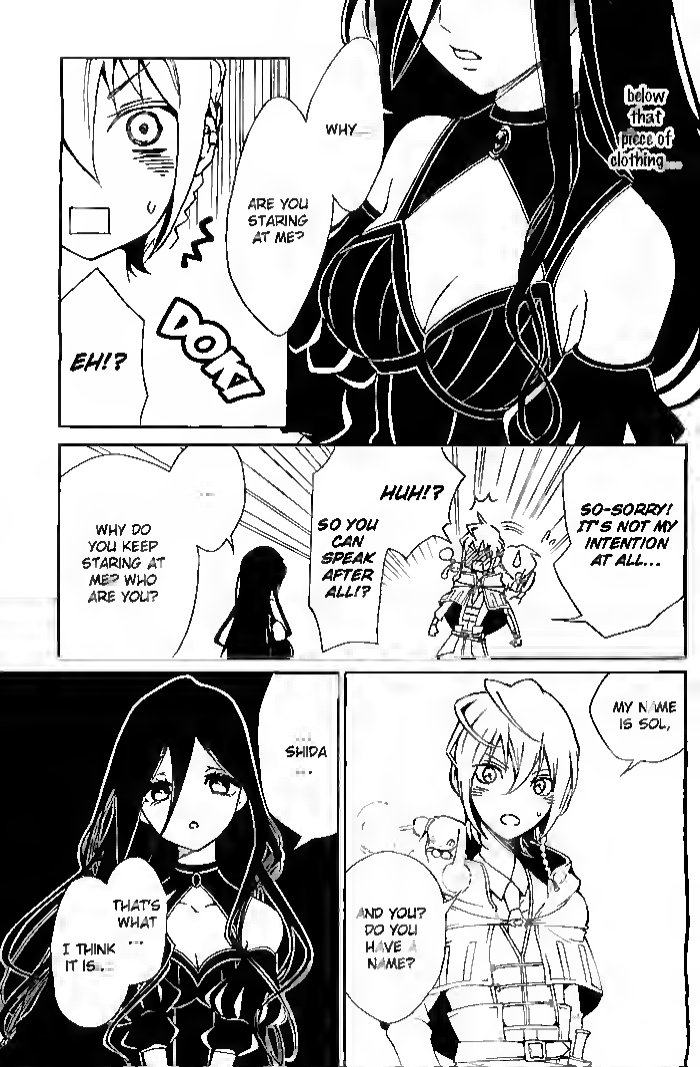

The land of borders, Alprium.
This country is mostly covered in..
the colour white.
Long ago, a black dragon attacked the place and ate all of the colours
That's why, the citizens' skin, hair, and eye colour..
Even the colours of the plants and animals ...
turned into a plain white.
Even though the sorcerers suppressed the black dragon...
The black still remains in the forest's swamp.
avoided by the people.

No need to say,
this kind of
A GIRL-
ばぃん
A GIRL IN BLACK ...?
SHE'S SO PRET-TY!
SFX: CRASH

THAT, BLACK HAIR!!
THOSE BLACK EYES!
AND THE BLACK DOESN'T MAKE PEOPLE FEEL UNCOM-FORT-ABLE
I'VE NEVER SEE A GIRL LIKE THAT BEFORE!
WHAT KIND OF SORCERER WOULD WANT TO BREAK THE BARRIER HIMSELF!?
WHY? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT CHILD?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I CAN'T SEE HER WITH THE DOOR CLOSED, MASTER SORCERER!
SFX. SLAM!
EH KEEPING WATCH..?
That's it?
LIKE SENDING HER FOOD,
AND CHECKING IF SHE'S ALIVE OR NOT
YOU'RE ONLY KEEPING WATCH ON HER
WE'RE NOT INVESTI-GATING HER, YOU MANIAC
WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THIS IMME-DIATELY
ah-ah.
excite-ment
WHY? IS YOUR BRAIN FUNCTIONING RIGHT? WE COULD PROBABLY FIND OUT MORE ABOUT "BLACK" IF WE HAVE A LOOK AT HER!!
WHAT!?
SILENCE! JUST ACCEPT THE MISSION ALREADY
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MISSION SENT FROM THE COUNTRY
LISTEN TO ME CARE-FULLY...

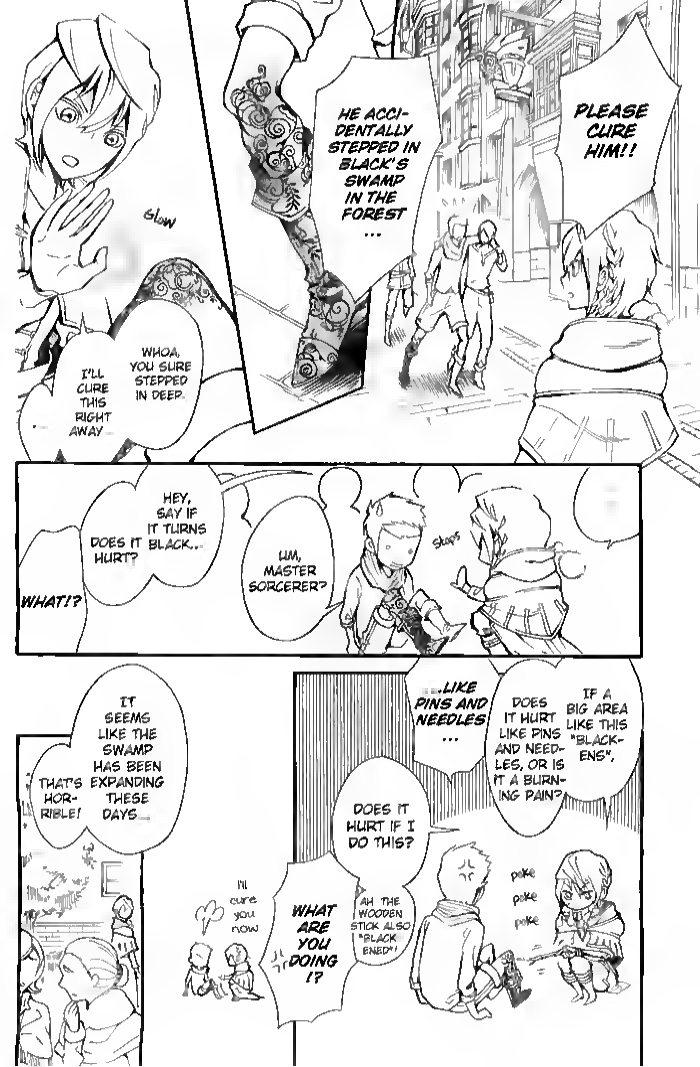

I BROUGHT YOU SOME FOOD.
SFX CREAK
That's a cursed colour.
"Black" ...
DON'T INTERACT WITH HER TOO MUCH, OKAY?
SFX FLOATS
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE'S A BORDER BETWEEN US.
SFX FOOD
I SHOULD PROTECT THE FOOD...

SFX WHOOSH
The black consumed the white...
So everything she touches turns black..
It "blackened"!!
...!!
SFX STARE
For it to go that black, it's definitely impossible
...
If it only blackens partially, a sorcerer is able to purify it.
If a white object touches black, it'll eventually "blacken"...
and turn into something dry and flat, just like charcoal.
SFX: TIN-/ 2X
Is she even all right eating blackened food? What happens to her body? Just how...
But why is this child's skin colour so white? Ah, I really want to investigate her!!


below that piece of clothing...
WHY...
ARE YOU STARING AT ME?
EH!?
DON
SO-SORRY! IT'S NOT MY INTENTION AT ALL...
HUH!?
SO YOU CAN SPEAK AFTER ALL!?
WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT ME? WHO ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS SOL,
AND YOU? DO YOU HAVE A NAME?
...SHIDA...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK IT IS...

YOU THINK?
IN MY LIFE SO FAR...
NO ONE HAS EVER GREETED ME, NOR IS ANYONE WILLING TO LISTEN TO ME...
...!
UNTIL NOW, THEY LEFT RIGHT AFTER LEAVING FOOD FOR ME...
Clatter
SOL,
YOU'RE SO STRANGE.

SFX SLIP AND SLIDE
THAT'S ADMIRABLE..
TO WANT TO LIVE UNHARMED EVEN WITH "BLACK"...
It's not necessary
Using energy for that kind of thing
I must find more information with maximum efficiency
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S RESEARCHING SOMETHING
AS EXPECTED OF THE YOUNGEST PALACE SORCERER
IS THIS ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ON "BLACK"!?
ORIGINS, MATERIALS, HOW THEY FORM, ANYTHING IS FINE!!
IS THERE REALLY NOTHING ABOUT ANYONE SURVIVING FROM "BLACK'S" INFLUENCE!?
Hm...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IT
MASTER SORCERER!!


PLEASE CURE HIM!!
HE ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED IN BLACK'S SWAMP IN THE FOREST ...
Glow
WHOA, YOU SURE STEPPED IN DEEP.
I'LL CURE THIS RIGHT AWAY...
UM, MASTER SORCERER?
Glow
HEY, SAY IF IT TURNS BLACK... DOES IT HURT?
WHAT!?
IF A BIG AREA LIKE THIS "BLACKENS",
DOES IT HURT LIKE PINS AND NEEDLES, OR IS IT A BURNING PAIN?
...LIKE PINS AND NEEDLES ...
DOES IT HURT IF I DO THIS?
poke
poke
poke
AH THE WOODEN STICK ALSO "BLACKENED"!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
I'll cure you now
IT SEEMS LIKE THE SWAMP HAS BEEN EXPANDING THESE DAYS...
THAT'S HORRIBLE!

But Shida is different
Although she's covered in black, she's completely alive!
The reason why everyone is so scared of "Black"..
is that it relates to being alive or not.
SFX WHOOSH
Even though I've been told "not to interfere" or so..
There's no way I can't investigate this!!
SFX STARE
SOL,

MUTTER
MUTTER
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE FINE TOUCHING BLACKENED OBJECTS. FROM MY OBSERVATIONS, IF YOUR LIFESTYLE IS NORMAL AND YOU CAN EAT FOOD NORMALLY, MAYBE SOMETHING WITHIN YOUR BODY CAN DEFEND "BLACK".
MUTTER
AH, THAT'S RIGHT; YOU HAVE TO GET CHANGED RIGHT?
HERE YOU GO.
DON'T MIND ME!!
STARES INTENTLY
I CAN'T CALM DOWN LIKE THIS...
IF I CAST SOME SPELLS ON IT
THOSE CLOTHES
PERHAPS THE SPEED OF "BLACKENING" FOR THE CLOTHING WILL SLOW DOWN A LITTLE...
SFX TAKES OFF
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IT DOESN'T TURN BLACK EVEN WHEN I TOUCH IT..
YOU'RE RIGHT
SFX RUSTLE X 3
SFX FULL X2
SKIN
EH?
AH
THAT'S NOT GOOD
DIG-NI-TY
SPEAK-ING ABOUT
OR SO
EH?
THIS,
NOW...
WHAT'S WRONG, SOL?
NO-THING MUCH
AH.
Her skin is completely white
Wrench
Sasuke
Sasuke

Perhaps I should ask for help from more people next time
COULD IT BE THAT THE POWER WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH?
CAN IT ONLY SUSTAIN FOR AROUND 5 MINUTES?
Hm
EH?
THAT QUICKLY!?
IT TURNED BLACK..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HM?
Hm
EH?
You're imitating me?)
SOL'S FACE IS AMAZING,
YOU CAN EXPRESS SO MANY EMOTIONS
Don't worry about pushing yourself
YOU'RE STILL QUITE FAR FROM IT
aha~ ha
THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?
Bleh.

!!!
SMILE
I thought that Shida did not have any emotions but it's just that she didn't know...
how to portray them.
...Um
SHIDA,
WHEN DID YOU ARRIVE HERE?

I WAS ALWAYS HERE.
"WHEN"...?
always alone by herself
In this kind of dungeon
You have to be kidding.
HAVE YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF GOING AND TAKING A LOOK OUTSIDE?
Shake
I HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE ELSE BEFORE...
OUTSIDE, OR ANYWHERE ELSE...
YOU MEAN...

I WAS BORN AS A "CURSED BEING"
IF I GO OUT, THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL BE AFFECTED AND TURN BLACK
...
SHIDA
THAT BADGE IS...

That's strange...
Being caged using borders, the "cursed being" is treated surprisingly well.
the security within the palace is extremely protective.
Just what is it about Shida ..?
MASTER SORCERER,
IS THIS LEGEND TRUE?

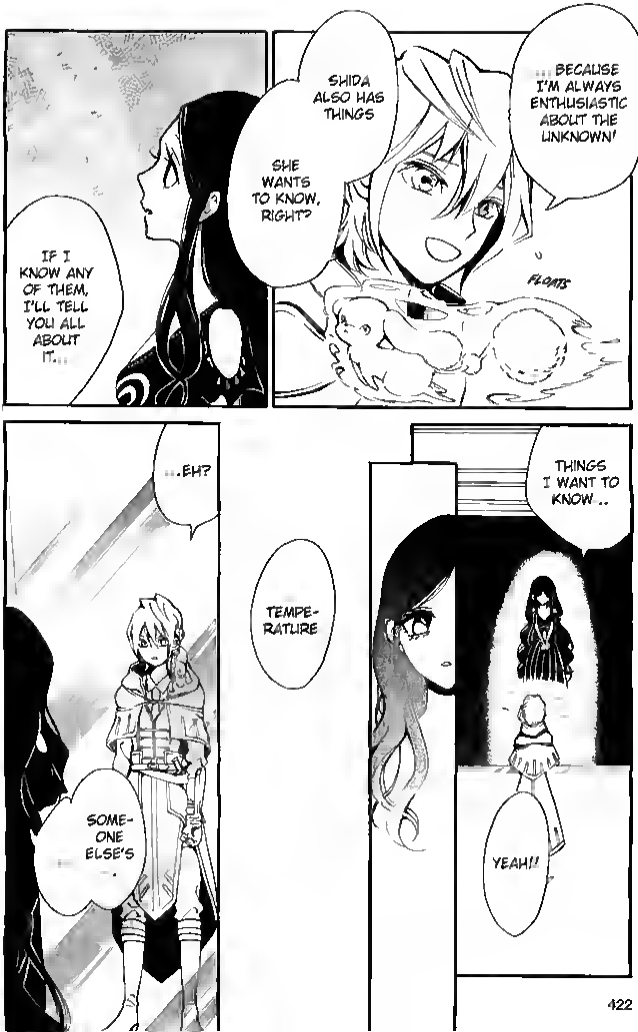
THE BLACK DRAGON THAT ATE THE COLOURS
DEFEATED BY THE ROYALS,
IS SUPPRESSED INSIDE A LIVING PERSON'S BODY.
WHICH MEANS THAT INSIDE HER BODY...
YOUR PREDICTION IS CORRECT.
THAT LADY IS
THIS COUNTRY'S QUEEN.
THAT'S RIGHT.
EVER SINCE THEN, THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE SOMEONE IN THE ROYAL FAMILY BORN WITH A PART OF BLACK WITHIN THEM.

THIS COUNTRY... HAD ALWAYS MAINTAINED ITS STATE BY SOMEONE'S SACRIFICE
DID THE ROYALS AND SORCERERS HIDE THIS FROM THE CITIZENS?
IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT.
I hope Shida didn't do anything wrong.
THAT'S WHY I CHOSE YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER.
I BELIEVED THAT YOU WOULD'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS MORE LOGICALLY
YOU AND I, WE CAN'T HELP WITH ANYTHING.
BUT, YOU UNDERSTAND TOO, RIGHT?

With black hair and black eyes,
she's just a normal girl.
SFX: CREAK
Simply because of the curse,
she has to stay here for all her life.
If it's possible...

and live happily under the sun.
Shida would've wanted to wear pretty dresses like that
"We can't do anything about it."
Squeak
Squeak
Outside
SFX BAM!
?!
TENSION
SFX FLOAT'S
SHIDA!
THIS FELLA IS ONLY A TIO.
BUT LOOK!

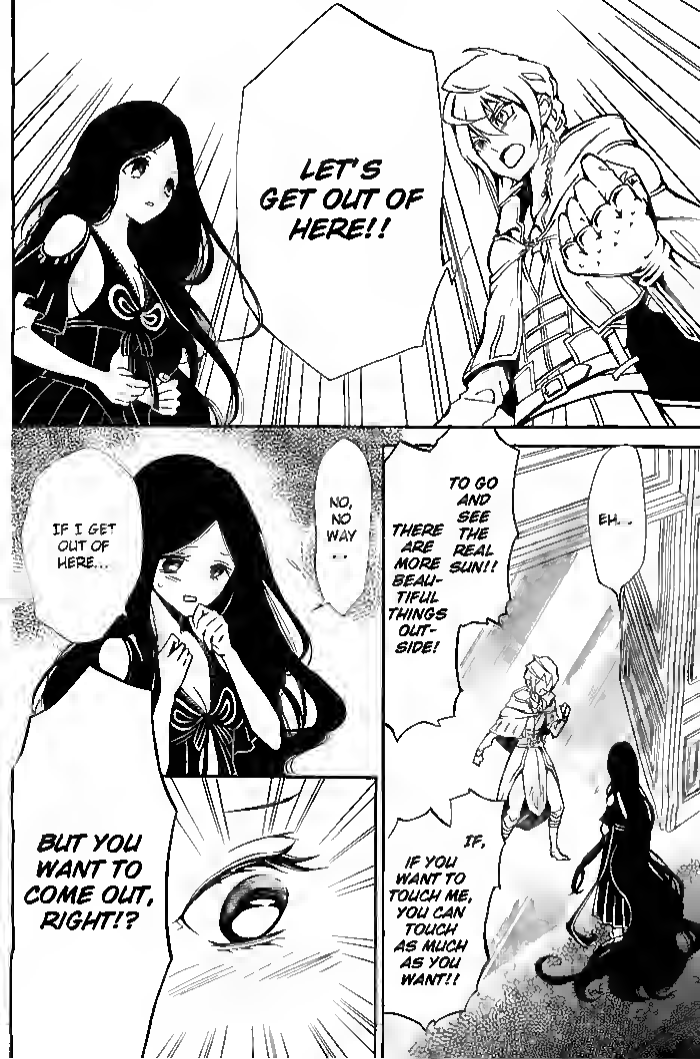
SFX: SHIMES
...!!
WHAT?
MY EYES ...
THIS FELLA WAS CREATED THINKING OF THE SUN'S CHARACTERISTICS.
WOW...
THIS IS WHAT THE SUN FEELS LIKE.
THAT'S AMAZING!
IT'S SO PRETTY ...!!
NOW I'LL USE MY POWERS TO TRANSFER
WHAT THE LIGHT LOOKS LIKE LITERALLY BY DOING THIS AND THAT
...
SORRY, IT'S PROBABLY NOT AS INTERESTING.
NOT AT ALL!
I KNOW SOL'S ALWAYS LEARNING EXCEPTIONAL THINGS.


IF I KNOW ANY OF THEM, I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT...
SHE WANTS TO KNOW, RIGHT?
SHIDA ALSO HAS THINGS
...BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE UNKNOWN!
FLOATS
...EH?
SOME-ONE ELSE'S
TEMPE-RATURE
THINGS I WANT TO KNOW..
YEAH!!

TOUCH SOL...
I WANT TO.
!
Whoosh
EH?
I KNOW IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE
SO... IT'S OKAY
EVEN THOUGH MY POWERS CAN ONLY PROTECT MY HAND ...

...
IT'S WARM.
SOL'S TEM-PERA-TURE.

SFX: JOLT
AH...
SFX: CARESS
...
SO- SORRY,
I BLANKED OFF INTO SPACE.
SOL,
YOUR HAND...
IT'S OKAY, AT THIS STAGE, IT'S EASY TO CLEANSE
COMPARED TO THIS, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BORDER?
SFX: SNAP
...I'M REALLY SORRY...
... SHIDA.


LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
EH...
TO GO AND SEE THE REAL SUN!!
THERE ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL THINGS OUTSIDE!
IF,
IF YOU WANT TO TOUCH ME, YOU CAN TOUCH AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!!
NO, NO WAY...
IF I GET OUT OF HERE...
BUT YOU WANT TO COME OUT, RIGHT!?

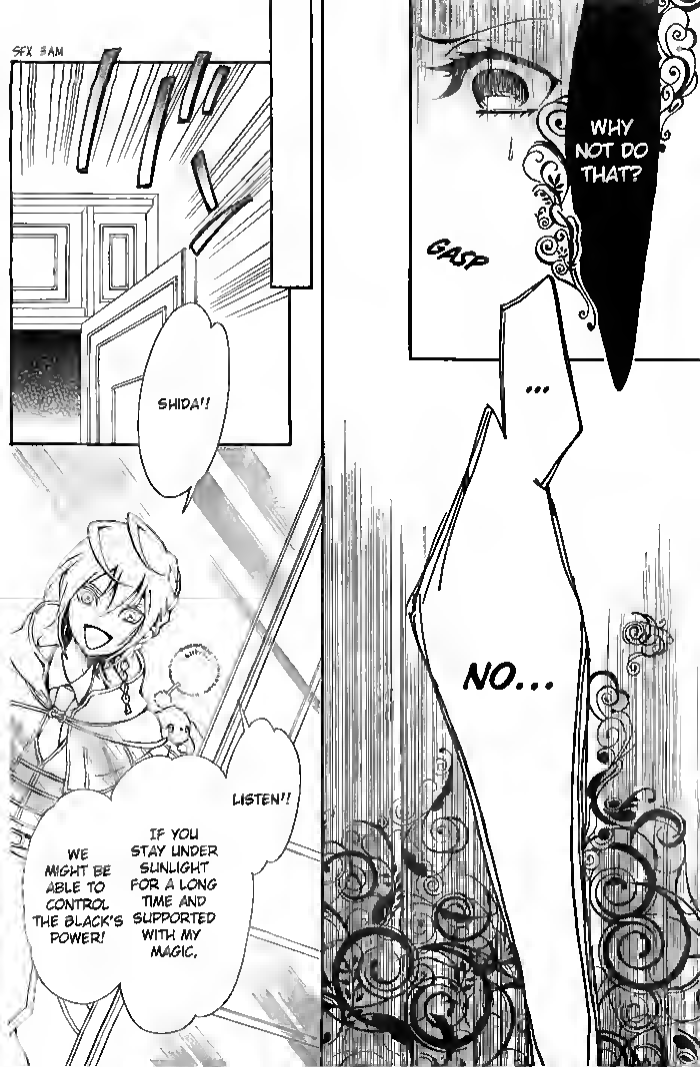
I WILL DEFINITELY BREAK YOUR CURSE!!
DON'T GIVE UP!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE WILL TO DO IT, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO!

I WANT TO LET YOU UNDERSTAND THIS WORLD
SO, WAIT A LITTLE LONGER.
That's right, there must be!
There must be a way!
Even if I can't cure her curse,
I want her to be able to live on the grounds!

There must be a way
"There must be a way.."
"So, wait a little longer."
clutch

THAT'S RIGHT.
DESIRE MORE, MY QUEEN
SOL...
SFX: SPLASH
!?
WHO IS THIS...
SPEAKING IN MY BRAIN...!?
I AM THE BLACK DRAGON.
WHENEVER YOU DESIRE SOMETHING, I SHALL APPEAR.
YOU WANT TO GET OUT, RIGHT?

TO BE WITH THAT PERSON.
...BUT,
I CAN'T DO THAT...
FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY.
COUNTRY?
FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY WHERE NO ONE CARES ABOUT YOU?
THE ONLY PERSON WHO PROVIDES YOU WARMTH...
IS THAT YOUNG FELLOW.
THAT'S NOT IT..
THAT'S NOT IT.
I'M...
I'M FINE WITH JUST DESIRING IT!


WHY NOT DO THAT?
GASP
...
NO...
SEX 8AM
SHIDA!!
LISTEN!!
IF YOU STAY UNDER SUNLIGHT FOR A LONG TIME AND SUPPORTED WITH MY MAGIC.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE BLACK'S POWER!

LET'S GO AND TRY...
SHIDA?
THANK YOU,
I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE TOO...
SOL...
I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH SOL FOREVER
I WANT TO TOUCH MORE OF SOL..

"Black-ened!!"
BUT,
AL-REA-DY,
I'M...
Why...
SHIDA! GIVE ME YOUR HAND!
I'LL PURIFY YOU!!
SOL... NO!
YOU CAN'T GET OVER HERE...

RUN...!!
What...
SFX: BAM
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, SORCERER.
THANKS TO YOU, I WAS ABLE TO REGAIN MY POWER.
BLACK DRAGON!?
EH...?
I FEED ON DESIRES
AND COLOURS ARE A SYMBOL OF DESIRE.
I WAS THIS CLOSE TO SWALLOWING THE WHOLE WORLD
BUT I WAS SUPPRESSED INSIDE THIS WOMAN'S BODY.

I WAS FEEDING ON THE DESIRES OF THE CARRIER.
SO FAR, EVERYONE CARRIED LITTLE BITS OF DESIRE, AND I MANAGED TO BUILD THEM UP.
BUT THANKS TO YOU, THIS WOMAN HELD A MUCH BIGGER DESIRE.
IT WAS "TO LIVE WITH YOU UNDER THE SUN".
NOW, LET ME USE THIS BODY.
TO PAINT THE WORLD BLACK.
!!
...
SFX: WHOOSH
SFX: CLOMP

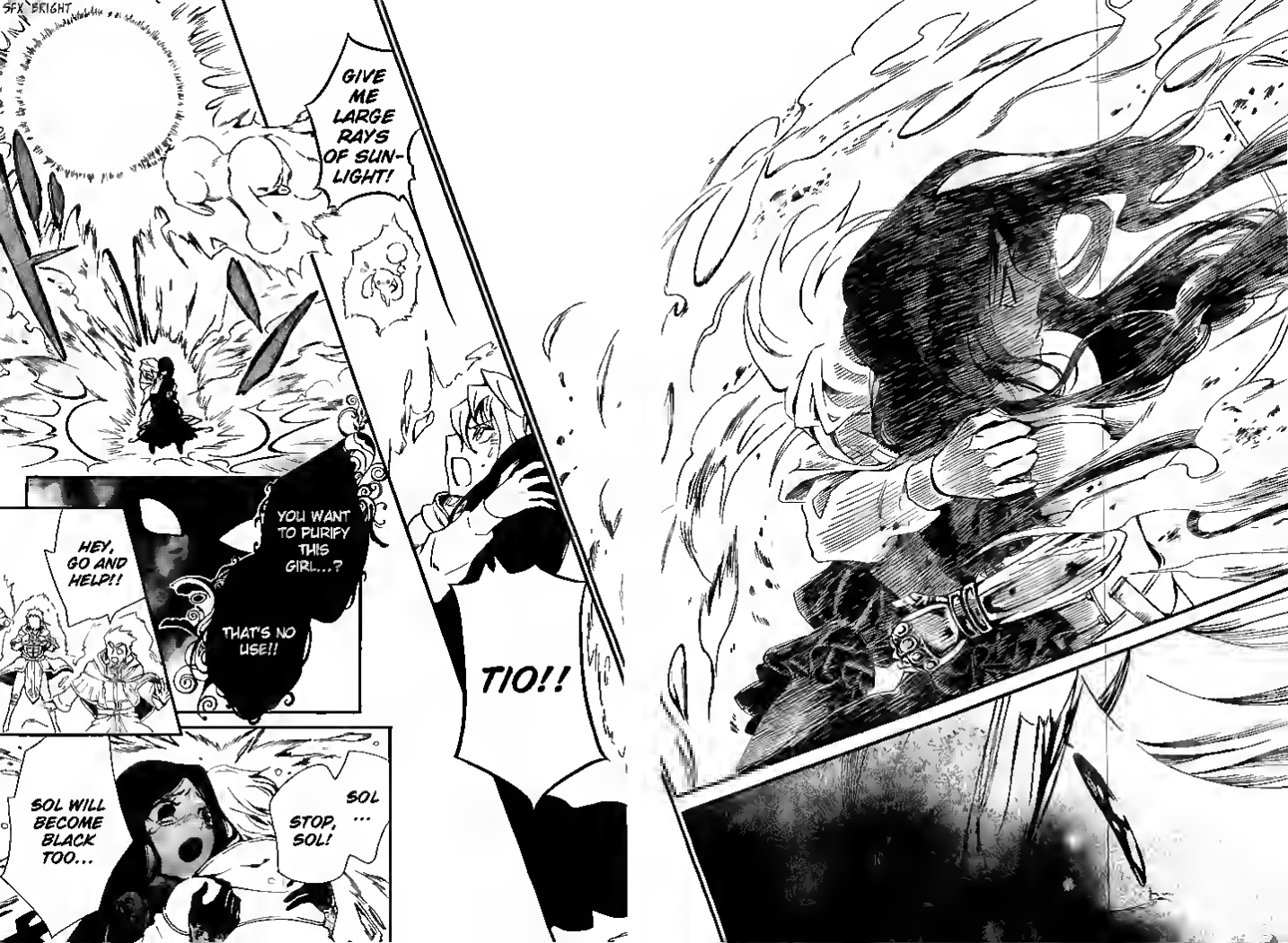
WHAT'S HAPPENING, SOL!?
MASTER SORCE-RER!!
SHIDA ...
!!
THIS IS...
SFX LIGHT
PLEASE DON'T DO THAT!!
WE HAVE TO EXTINGUISH HER EXIS-TENCE!!
ALL OF THE SORCERERS, ATTACK THAT YOUNG LADY THERE,
!!
THIS IS NOT GOOD ..
WE CAN'T SAVE HER ANY-MORE.

...
HOW COULD YOU...
I'LL...
IF WE CAN'T SAVE HER, WE HAVE TO PRIORITISE THE CITIZENS' SAFETY FIRST.
I WAS GIVEN ALL OF THE AUTHORITY,
ON TOP OF IT ALL, SHE'S THE QUEEN!!
IF YOU DO THAT, SHIDA WILL...
TIO!
SHINE...
NEVER GIVE UP!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...
SOL!!
SFX LIGHT
SFX CHARGE

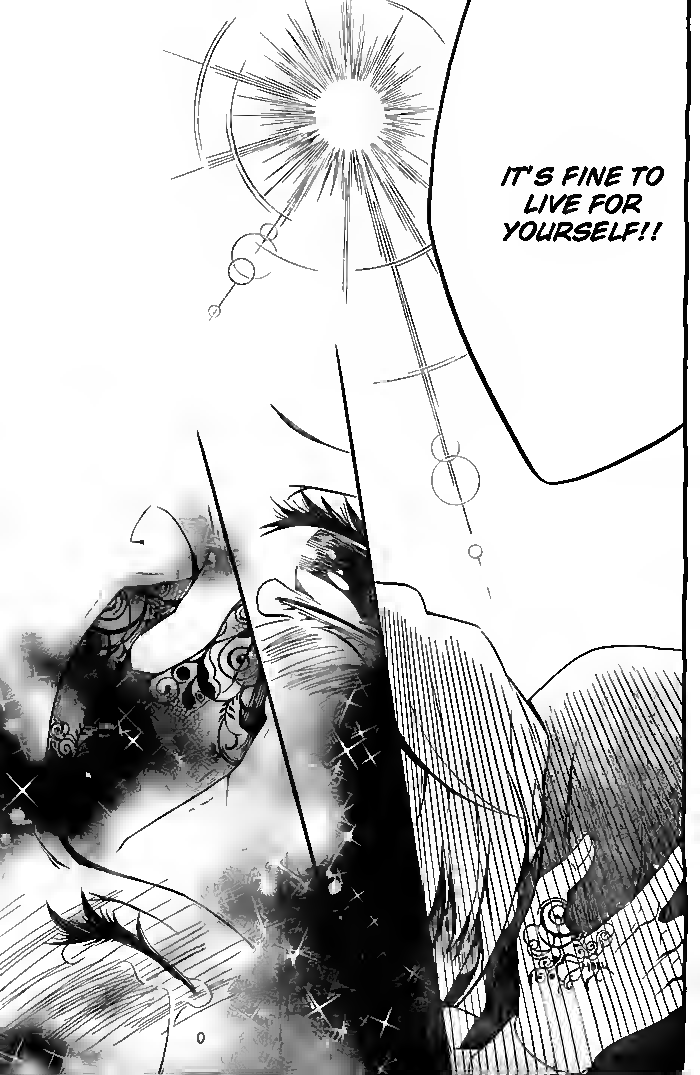
SFX: WHOOSH
!!
IT DISAP-PEARED ...
SFX SPLASH
SFX DASH
IT'S ABLE TO REGE-NERATE...!!
DAMN IT...
SFX BAM

SFX: FLOAT
AS LONG AS THIS GIRL HOLDS DESIRES, I HAVE THE ABILITY TO STAY ALIVE.
I TOLD YOU, MY POWER SOURCE IS DESIRE.
IT'S NO USE.
SFX: ROAR
WE CAN'T DEFEAT IT...
SHIDA...
"I want to be together with Sol,"
"I want to touch you more..."
THE SPEED OF PURIFICATION CAN'T MATCH THE BLACK-ENING!!
THE BLACK DRAGON GOT OUT!
WAHH!

Ah.. that's right
'BLACK-EN', BE-COME DARK
Why am I.. doing this?
EXTINGUISH THE WHITE
If only everything's black...
SFX: LIGHT
SHIDA!!
The sun ...


SFX: BRIGHT
GIVE ME LARGE RAYS OF SUN-LIGHT!
TIO!!
YOU WANT TO PURIFY THIS GIRL...?
THAT'S NO USE!!
HEY, GO AND HELP!!
SOL ...
STOP, SOL!
SOL WILL BECOME BLACK TOO...

I WON'T!!
I WON'T GIVE UP ON...
THE THINGS I DESIRE!
SO SHIDA...
YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE UP EITHER!
IT'S FINE JUST DESIRING
NOT FOR THE COUNTRY,


IT'S FINE TO LIVE FOR YOURSELF!!

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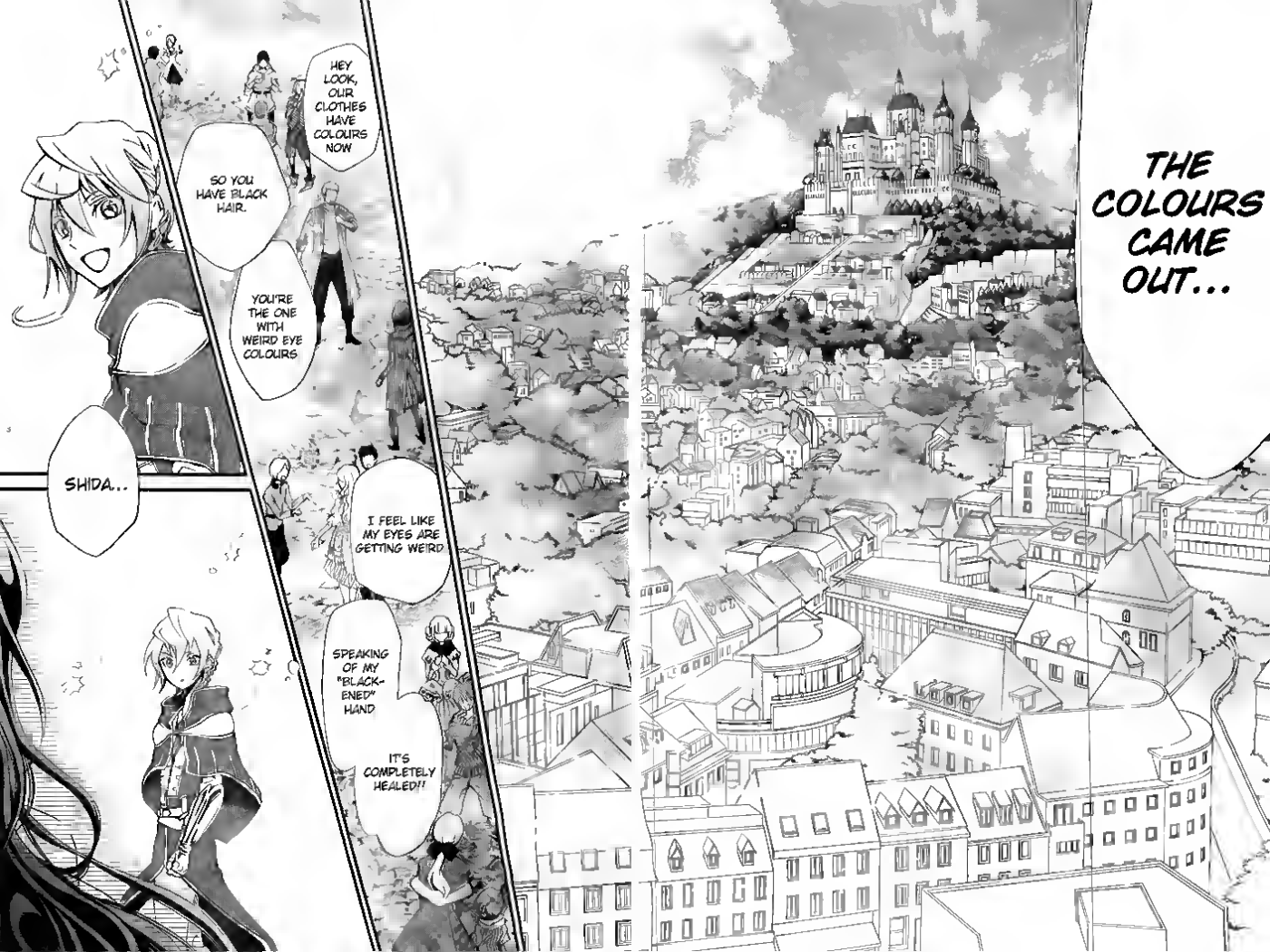
I'LL GET KICKED OUT...
THAT'S
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THE DESIRE WEAKENED!
THE BLACK DRAGON GOT OUT OF THE QUEEN'S BODY...
DON'T YOU DARE ESCAPE!!
SFX: GLOW

AAAHHHH

SFX: LIGHT
IT WORKED!!
WHAT WAS THAT LIGHT JUST THEN!?
THIS.
THIS IS...
FROM THE INSIDE OF THE BLACK DRAGON'S BODY...


HEY LOOK, OUR CLOTHES HAVE COLOURS NOW
SO YOU HAVE BLACK HAIR.
YOU'RE THE ONE WITH WEIRD EYE COLOURS
SHIDA...
I FEEL LIKE MY EYES ARE GETTING WEIRD
SPEAKING OF MY "BLACK-ENED" HAND
IT'S COMPLETELY HEALED!!
THE COLOURS CAME OUT...

SHIDA!
YOUR EYE COLOUR.
AND YOUR CLOTHES AREN'T "BLACKENED"!
...
AH!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
WOW! WHAT COLOUR IS THIS?

HEHE
WAIT-
SHIDA!?
SFX: NOISY
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あ
And Shida was adored by the citizens.
The royalties also officially acknowledged Shida's identification.
For the land of borders, Alprium
the colours returned, and black isn't something dangerous any more.

Black became a fashionable colour..
Everyone's so energised..
Thanks to this,
SOL!
It doesn't matter.
even though Shida and my rank makes talking to each other difficult..

As long as Shida can smile happily under the sun...
I'll be able to overcome any sort of conflicts
wearing the colourful most important smile